

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request clearance of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for no longer than 1 year.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by January 10, 2000 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone (703) 306-1125 x 2017; or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday. You also may obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Ms. Plimpton.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Evaluation of the NSF Summer Programs in Japan, the NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Japan, and the NSF-CGP Science Fellowships Program.

OMB Number: 3145-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to carry out a new information collection for one year.

Abstract: "Evaluation of the NSF Summer Programs in Japan, the NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Japan, and the NSF-CGP Science Fellowships Program"

Proposed Project: The National Science Foundation (NSF), through its east Asia and Pacific Program within the Division of International Programs, manages a suite of programs designed to encourage and provide international research experiences for American scientists and engineers with Japanese colleagues. This suite of programs includes the NSF-CGP Science Fellowships and the Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Japan for Ph.D.-holding scientists, and the Summer Institute in Japan and the Monbusho Summer Program for U.S. Graduate Students in Science and Engineering.

These Programs provide opportunities for improvements in cultural sensitivity and in the knowledge of foreign scientific community infrastructure. The international collaborative experiences provided through the Programs may be "catalytic" by bringing scientists from a larger global pool together in "discovery" and "connection," and by the American participants' sharing their newly-acquired knowledge, experiences and impressions with the domestic scientific community.

The purpose of the proposed program evaluation is to assess the Programs within the context of both their individually-stated objectives and the greater NSF-wide objectives. The tenth anniversary this year of the Summer Institute in Japan marks an appropriate time for a longitudinal study of program effectiveness and success, particularly with regard to the effect of an early international experience on developing research careers. The JSPS and STA Postdoctoral Fellowships and the NSF-CGP Science Fellowship have a long history (more than a decade) by which their impact on both individual careers and the scientific community can be assessed.

Use of the Information: The information will be used by NSF to assess the extent to which these approaches to developing international collaborations among young and experienced US and Asian researchers are achieving the intended programmatic goals and are consistent with the specific outcome goals defined in the context of the current NSF Strategic Plan required by the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993. Among NSF's outcome goals, the most relevant to its investments in developing collaborations with Asian researchers are: promoting discoveries at and across the frontier of science and engineering; facilitating connections between discoveries and their use in service to society; developing a diverse, globally oriented workforce of scientists and engineers.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses per Form: 1040.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 520 hours—1040 respondents at 1/2 hour per response.

Frequency of Responses: One Time.

Comments

Comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: November 5, 1999.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,
Reports Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 16, 1999.

PLACE: NTSB Board Room, 5th Floor, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20594.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

7212 Brief of Incident: American Airlines Flight 574, In-flight Engine Fire, Airbus A300B4-605R, N80057, San Juan, Puerto Rico on July 9, 1998 and Safety Recommendation to the FAA concerning Testing of Emergency Evacuation Systems on Transport Aircraft.

NEWS MEDIA CONTACT: Telephone: (202) 314-6100.

Individuals requesting specific accommodation should contact Mrs. Barbara Bush at (202) 314-6220 by Friday, November 12, 1999.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Rhonda Underwood (202) 314-6065.

Dated: November 5, 1999.

Rhonda Underwood,
Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.